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REPORT URGING FREE TRADE FOR PUERTO RICO SUPPRESSED

Formed the Basis of McKinley's Recommendation to Congress.

Special Commissioner Carroll, Who Made the Investigation at the Instance of the President, Strongly Favored Abolishing Customs Duties,

trees for free trade between the Island of o Rico and the Unit of States.

teen suppressed. There is but one cong-teen suppressed. The State Department pleads to a and Professor

n other words, the information secure Special Commission of Carrell, upon the the administration was to loss in tion, has been completely suppressed by cause the President found that his political a hera were not willing to nevert the find-lack of the agent of the limited States, ap-

and the United States is absolutely

quote from prominent men he has inter-iewed on the subject. Among them are a following: United States consul Philip ". Hanny made this statement to the Gov-rnment's agent. "I believe the island are it have absolute free trade with all arts of the United States. I believe in taking Puerto Rico as thatoughly Amercan as possible from the start, and we council make it so unless we treat Puerto. Rouns as we do other Americans, • • •

last two months I have received sev-lit doeseld letters from all classes of the fact that European manufecturers have assuess men in the United States concern-

question. It is practical religion, and our people can never supply this missing link in the moral education and religious tran-ing of this people without giving them an

opportunity to earn a living and without see no more justice in compelling Puerto Micans to pay for the privilege of handling American bread on Puetto Rican shores than I do in competting the people of Masor lows park into the State of Massachuplained of the unjust burdens placed by foring all the years of the past, and how it s the opportunity of our people to provject lesson by giving them elean bread and heap clothing to wear, by placing before them an epportunity to earn a living and take an unselfish interest in dealing with change of front on this subject.

raise the sugar estates give work to investigation of the people of the friends.

Tolorest with even more reason, should few persons, anybed) can grow tobacce and then the poor could be made small proprietors, if tobacco were granted this out the tinited States consume about let 0 tous of sucar a month. The most Part Rice can produce is below tons a year, unit is not think the United States could reise

At San Germain, Jacuary IS, 1809, Mr. Josephin Cervera, In a statement to Mr. Carrell, said: The only remedy for our Els is that sugar and tobacco shall be admitted free into the believe the whole question concerning laboring men of Puerro Rico very in my opinion I will add that if that is not bely depends upon free trade between granted we are all lost. There is no possisiand and the United States. During ship salvation. These sugars cannot com-

> large capital advanced machine igent workmen and low wages." Messes, A. Hartmann & Co., meschants, submitted to Communicate Carroll this

"As we firmly believe the United States Un other words, free trade between the United States and Puerto Rico is a moral citizens of the United States and result in the United States and Puerto Rico is a moral citizens of the United States and result in the United States and result in the United States and results in the United States and Puerto Ricciant and Puerto Riccian an States and Puerto Rico will also stimulate greater localty to the Union, for it was one of the greatest complaints of the Puerto

Bleans that they were denied from trade with Spain and treated almost as if Pierto Rich were a foreign converty.

Statements similar to the foregoing could be published to the extent of many columns and all found in the official report duor which the President based his recommen-

which the President based his becommon-dation for free trade. The offittions quoted, browever, show the tener of the uncument prepared with such eitherate care hy Pro-fessor Currell. They stand for the tepre-sentative men of the island. The upper-tilly of this report, which con-cludes a successful to the con-

size of upward of a thousand printed puggs, heads every place of testimony taken by Mr. Carroll and every statement submitted, as a prominent argument for free trade, as if Mr. Carroll had specific instrucby encouraging any enterpolar calculated them a better people. * them to make this part of his study prominent. The whole report forms a striking "If our people in the United States would commentary on the President's sudden

PUERTO RICO APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE.

Sushington, March 16.—After a debate, at times spirited, extending over parts of two days, the Senate to-day passed the Puerto Rican relief appropriation bill. As passed, the measure carries \$2.05,000, the President being authorized to use that sum "for lengths being from its infancy they have been from its infancy the party of territorial acquisition, but in public education, public works and other governmental and public purposes," in

Mr. Allen of Nebraska offered an amendment to the left declaring that the Constitotion extends over Puerto Rico by its own force, but it was lost by the docisive vote

these amendment offered by him, and that tights or particular tights or

The thair baying ruled that the committry amendments to the bill had been adoptand, other amendments offered were in or-

all our filstery there has never been a propo aries of the old. Any law of that kind nothing more than the spollation of the weak by the strong. I want to express now my belief that our Constitution does go Puerto Rico. It goes wherever our flag goes. It seems like a trave-ty upon justice and right that the people of a part of the United States should be deprived of their

Mr. Allbon moved to by the amendment proposed by Mr. Allen on the table. The motion prevailed, 26 to 17. The detailed vote

motion prevailed, % to ii. The detained vote does a mendments offered were to other. The committee amendments provided that the money appropriated should be that collected up to January I. 1894, the appropriation to be used for "public education, public works and other government. It amendment was that of Mr. Allon of Nodrocka. It provided "that the constitution was by force of the treaty concluded between the United States and the March, Natural, N



JOHN BULL: THAT NOISE MAKES ME NERVOUS?"

AMERICAN WARSHIP ORDERED TO CHINA.

United States to Maintain the topen Door Policy in That Empire.

FRANCO-RUSSIAN MOVEMENT.

" Incoming That They Intend to Densind Compensation for Their Neutrality in Boer

British War.

Jones & Amendment.

had been expended from the war records field, and that some had been execute from customs receipt. The War Depar-

Mr. Johns inquired where the mone come that was being expended in

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in answer to a further inquire for Mr.

"The proposition row before in" le chard, "is bud poller, and it is unmercial."

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Mr. Foraker informed Mr. Tillman that he

had been told that the highest salary or any one of the commission would be fixed

white y but the are that and and we may person that I'm afreid of. He is a participate a mobile man, although just not the may carried off his feet by the dream of pearing in history alongsets of J. flor-and others who added largely to our to

Partie there without may refer now to the turiff or customs does collected. They were detected.

The bill, as reported by the Sental Torrest mittee, was then to send without dividen-only a few scattering "mayo" being heard

The text of the Fuerte Rican bill paged, by the Schutz today is as follows:

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against it. Government Bill.

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Welcott, Mr. Pettus maintened that ever dollar of any relief appropriation herein fore made could be used for user purpo-

than that specifically defines in the

turion. Passed as Reported.

measure. Air. Pettus replied that this w

ment to-day uguln orged the Navy Depart-1 ment to send a worship to China became there, and Someters of the Navy Lorg imtel sent a cable to Admiral Watson by my blog to detail a vessel to the Tim

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Europe's Displeasure. florry European representative here has

That may be disapposition to the Sen-Indicated the displements of his Governnorth or the recent attitude of Great Britofn in South Africa. Cermany is no exception. There is good reason to believe that German Government is not enamored of the British progress in South Africa, and private physical resolved here indicate that Emperor William is at the end of his r, ro far as affiliation with the British ory."
In conclusion, Mr. Tiliman become it stoneress to take its hands off the furnit of

The establishment of a vast British Emsize in South Africa, is relished no more by common than it is by any other European it wer, and, nice, though recent Germanitish treaties seem to have assured the inodre in South Africa, her coast postess would seen go, but be stated authoritatively, from the

ment may be expected from Russia or ree in the effort to stay Great Britain's Whatever eventuates will be a serious compensating demonstration by force | ing the status que. is his disputch to the British Gav-in which the English commander

and to "the late President of the Grange State" has stended more gounds conthan even the reply of Lord Salisbary breed sents Kruger and Steyn. It was to be expected, it is said here, that | Britain Denies Indignity to Gerthe Prime Minister of a country inevitable certain to succeed might refuse to grant th

advace to the two Republics that they Such an answer does not neces-mean the wiping out of the two Re-but might have merely indicated the English Intention to keep on fighting Transvant admitted the suzerit Menus a Conquered Province.

No such construction, however, can be placed on efficial dispatches by the British temmander-in-Chief, who, it is claimed, which the three used the phrase "the late President of the Oranze Pres State," unless he had clearly understood from his to-vertice in its intention to take over the transe. Free State, to only the construction. runge Free State as a conquered prov-As one diplomat put it to The Republic

"Lerd Roberts's next dispatch probably ill refer to the late Orange Free State." Whatever happens, the United States will

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC. For Missouri-Pair and warmer Sat-

arday and Sunday; fresh westerly winds, becoming variable.

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4. Sporting News. Bacc-Track Results.

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7. Interesting Notes From Block World. Rinson, Charcian Adares a Smith

Push of T. J. Welling.

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 Ministers Comment on Sheldon's Effort Court of Appeals Will He Ignored. To Move Against Standard tot. Movement M. E. Conference.

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2. Church News and Annaurosments.

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5. New Congressions. Reptile Transfers.

Government Weather Report, Charged With Cashing Bogus Checks, Religious Services by Telephone.

6. Grain and Produce.

7. Financial News River Telegrams.

8. A Gown for the Bride Colors of the Season. Recipes for Lent. Feminine He reations.

without effect upon this emuntry, which would see to it that nothing is done by American naval vessels to instify retails then upon the Philippless. The Philip States ities set would be confined to the protection of American citizens in China. treaty eldications, and that he change oc-curring on the Chinese coast shall disturt the epen door, us it is new maintained.
The China squadron, under Renr Admira Kempff, when it reaches the scene of prospecta- frontie, will merely emphasize the American desire and intention of militali-ing the status que. Of course, it is obvious that innounce has Chinese troubles, presuma from attitude in opposition will be distinct Is helpful to theat Britain.

THETIS AND KAISER.

man Ship Is Intended. London, March 16. The report published in the United States that the British war-

hip Thetis was chasing the German steamer Kalser, off belagon Bay, the Kalset having the Hoer Commissioners on was published in the Dally Mail of this city to-day, together with a denial of the state it. The officials of the Foreign Office say blea of the officers of a British warship attempting to remove foreigners from a German vessel is "utterly impossible and

PUNISHES RINGLEADERS.

French Justice Disciplines Anti-British Rioters.

Bordenux, March 16.-As an outcome of participate in no difficulties, except such as occur on the Chinese coast. Russia may seize her port on the Persian Gulf; France may occupy the Morocco coast, and Spain may occupy the Morocco coast, and Spain may occupy the Morocco coast, and Spain may cede Ceuta to either Russia or France cost of the prosecution.

BOER RESISTANCE MAY COLLAPSE.

Report That Prominent . Generals Desert Them.

NO FREE STATE NOW.

Dispatches Say Kruger • Has Annexed Steyn's Territory.

CONVERGING MOVE.

British Coming Together Along Orange River.

BY MILTON V ENTIRE PECTAL BY CARLE

by Transvisal and that the seat of guydental dealest is likely to maneaver in

"It is to prevent such a possibility that in the morning, but the blowing up of the before of the british Government line north of the town prevented his comcould be directed. The first step is to log. He remained at Brandfort, with 2,000 berien the time by pushing the war in Natalers.

outh Africa with all energy, trongest possible stmy under real at institute arms secreta-

"At the same time, to measures that may undere to strengthening the army in inin I maked before should all to made ready

. Though a murial me must were expected." CLEMENTS CROSSES THE ORANGE. London, Murch 16. Lord Roberts has sent following dispatch to the War office.

"Bloomfortein, Friday March 16 - General Seminic crossed the Orage River yester Repults to the railway bridge at Norval's Pont have commenced and it will horry be ready for traffic."

"General Pole-Carew telegraphs his artival at Springfonteln, so that Bloomfontein now is practically in rall communicaton with these Town. My proclamation is already having excellent effect. Several condred burghers have expressed their inequion to surrender their arms and return with it or upprious.

The Resident Commissioner of Basutoof reports that 890 Boers lately arrived wen Electrifuntein and that a further conmeent from Aliwal North was only waiting to know the terms of my proclamation to surrender. They had refused to attend a council at Kroenstad, to which President

Steyn had summoned them." Interest also centers largely this morning about the Boer forces in the south of the Orange Free State, and the converging povement being directed against them by Brabunt, Clements, Gatacre and Pole Carew, Their strength is variously estimated at from 2009 to 5,000, the latter figure being more likely to be correct. They were in the neighborhood of Bethulie, Altwai North and Norval's Pont on Thursday, but have since vanished from Aliwal North.

Basutoland Boers. One Boer commando has fallen back into

Basutoland, and, according to disputches a there waiting to surrender upon learning the terms of Lord Roberts's proclamation General Pole-Carew has arrived at Springfontein and is in position to add his force to that of Clements or Gatacre as the situntion demands, General Gatacre threw his force over the Orange River and on and Betbulle without a shot being fired.

General Clements has effected a croat Vanzyl to the east of Norval's Portrabent, who is also on the north of the river at Airwal North, is reported to be enfronted by Boers, who are on the hilland have Krupp guns. He is hampered by the lack of prillery. The question seems to be not whether the

Boers will contest the advance of these three forces, but whether they will succeed in making good their tetreat with the raisway burred and Pole-Carew threatening Lord Roberts reports that resistance in

the south part of the Free State is col-lapsing. Several hundred burghers have deckied to surrender and return to their The proceedings at Bloemfontein, accord-

ing to British reports almost verge upon emic opera. It could hardly have been grected that the capital of the country would receive an invading army with open arms or decorate and make demonstration in honor of the enemy's success. If these accounts are accurate, there is apparently only one explanation; that is, that the Free State is tired of the war and anxious to make peace regardless of the action of the Transvaul

Lord Methuen having taken two months to make out a report on the disaster at the recent riotous demonstration against the British Consulate here, when the windows on pressure from Lord Roberts, the lat-of the Consulate and of the Consul's regi- ter has forwarded it to London with what Magersfontein, and apparently then only seems to be contemptuous absence of com-

The whole effect of the report is to throw the blame on two dead men-General Wau-

ware that the Book resistance is spring; that several preminent to

those and Volumel Bowaman of the Gor-This report has further intensified the feeling in Landon that ford Methuen was guilty of a colerest blander.

Lord Roberts also forwards the report on the Strothlerg directed in regard to which Communder-in-Chief blames Gatacre for taking tired men on a long march with inhecurate information of the enemy's

It is now certain that a relieving force to approaching Mefeking from the south as well as Colonel Plumer's column from the

KRUGER ANNEXES FREE STATE. Bethulie, Orange Pree State, Thursday, lanch il. - it is understood here that Presi-

Kritter two days age, annexed the Ominge Free State to the South African Re-SCEVES IN BLOEMFONTEIN. Electrical Change Free State, March Electric the horse batteries passed

through this city to man the northern

heights, the contrast between the well-fed citizens and the exhausted and worn-out genners, who set upon their borses and catssons without a sign of emotion, was most striking. filling with infantry regiments and immense transport convoys, which seemed to verrun the ground like water. Gradually, it of the chaos, order "merged, each briad- and transport -tablishing itself in its

regiment of khakl-clad troops marching on General Joobert was expected here early

extent. From the higher kopie near the

own, for beyond, could be seen a long, yel-

ficheral Prettyman is succeeding admira-The second step is to space no excriton big an Governor of the town. He issued a to have the many ready for any possible sit | proclamation to-day, requesting the burghnation. Echini it it should have the ers within a radius of ten miles, to deliver

> be paid for the confiscation of their prop-Lord Roberts is about to issue fresh procamazione which it is considered, will have the effect of disaming further opposition upon the part of the Free Staters.

Mr. Collings has been appointed Landrost, vice Pappenphus, deposed, and Mr. Praser will not as Mayor Great quantities of stores captured at

As the result of Hunter's and Weston's line cutting, the British have secured twenty-six engines and the line has been cleared to the Kaffle Biver Rumors are current that former President Steyn is willing to surrender. Much unrest

saying that they are innumerable and of identical color with them. The Free Staters south of here are reported to be rapidly returning to their

exists among the Dutch population. The

burghers described the soldiers as locusts.

Feneral Grobelar is attempting to escape to the north, He has a large commands and a big convoy of supplies. The majority of the townspeople anticl-

pate that the Free Staters will offer no re-CONCERTS IN BLOEMFONTEIN, BY BENNETT BURLEIGH.

SPECIAL BY CABLE. Bloemfontein, Thursday, March 15 .-Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)-On each night since Lord Roberts's arrival the tifes, drums and pipes of the Scots Guard have played in the public square. The handsmen attracted large crowds, who applauded them. When, at the close of the performance, the national

anthem is played, all hats are deffed, A proclamation has been issued by Lord Roberts enjoining the burghers to return their homes, the tranquil possession of which is guaranteed. Recalcitrants are warned that their property will be confis-

General Prottyman has demanded the currender of all arms within ten miles round the town. ROBERTS'S NEXT MOVE.

Landon, March E, 4:20 a, m.-With the ratiway communication to the Cape intact, Lord Roberts will in a few days be esition to begin advance on Pretoria. His deep political intuition, combined with bold strategy, is having the result deired in the southern sections of the Orange

Five State, which are rapidly calming down, Mafeking is now the only point for anxiety, and as it is known that a force has left Kimberley, its relief may be announced before many days pass. The efficiency of the elleving column is heightened by the fact that it is partly composed of regulars. In the lobbles of Parliament last evening

t was rumored that Lord Roberts is about o issue a proclamation, announcing that the former system of government in the Orange Free State is abolished and promsing Free Staters, who immediately surrender, due consideration. It is understood that all the Continental

Powers, with one exception, uncompromisingly refused to intervene. The exception was Russia, whose reply was couched in less firm language, although, like the others, she declined to interfere. It is said that the Pope was also appealed to, but that he declined to do anything, beyond writing a letter to the Queen, appealing to her to stop the further effusion of blood. Doctor Leyds's efforts with King Leopold were quite futile.

The possibility of the destruction of Johannesburg is still discussed here, but it is

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